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HAMILTON LOSES DEBATE.

The Annual Debate with Union University was held last evening in the College Chapel. A big audience heard the debate with intense interest, as the subject—the free admission of Canadian lumber—proved practical and vital. The affirmative was upheld by Hamilton, the speakers being Truax, Rifenbark and Wallace, '09, with Dounce as alternate, and in that order, the order being reversed in rebuttal. The Union team was composed of Bartlett, '10, Wilson, '09, and Mould, '09, with Cavert, '09, alternate, the names being given in the order in which they spoke. Prof. Lewis presided. The Committee of Award consisted of Prof. Smith, head professor of Rhetoric and Oratory at Colgate University, Rev. John Snape, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Utica, and Prof. C. W. Tooke, former Professor of Law in Illinois University, and now practicing in Syracuse.

The judges, after 11 minutes' deliberation, awarded the debate to Union.

Below is given a brief outline of the arguments:

HAMILTON.

TRUAX, '09—Vital importance of question owing to forest problems. Tariff impediment to introduction of auxiliary supplies. Public interests therefore demand its abolition. Present tariff not indispensable to lumber industry of U. S.

RIFENBARK, '09—Consumer benefited by abolition of tariff. New supply will equalize market and prevent price from rising to point if incident on single source. Readjustments of markets in interest of manufacturer, public and standing timber.

WALLACE, '09—We must save our forests. We have a consumption of 100 billion feet a year, and growth of only 60-70 billion, meaning a drain of 30-40 billion feet a year. Liberal estimate places annihilation of forests 40 years hence. Therefore, new supply is necessary. The Canadian lumber will be of especial advantage to us, not only in being an additional resource, but in encouraging better methods in our own industries.

UNION.

BARTLETT, '10—There is a distinction between timber and lumber. Timber means logs, etc., while lumber is the more finished product. The lumber industry in the North-West is the foundation of prosperity. British Columbia is under greater advantages than U. S. Cost of production there is 30 per cent. below cost here. Free lumber would mean disaster in the North-West and depression thruout the nation. The State of Washington is for tariff.

WILSON, '09 — The transportation facilities of Canada are particularly favorable to cheap lumber output. The great American lumber associations oppose free admission of lumber on the ground that the competition would be ruinous. Canada wants the U. S. as a mere dumping-ground for its lowest grades of lumber. Tariff regulates this low-grade product.

MOULD, '09—Free Canadian lumber would be a menace to conservation. Only 320 out of 1,000 feet cut in the United States gets to market. This waste is the biggest obstacle to conservation. National forest reserves are the only solution and hope of conservation. Therefore, let the tariff remain, and use the revenue to establish national forests.

COLGATE CONQUERS

In a one-sided contest, Colgate defeated the Varsity Tuesday night at Hamilton by the score of 53-21. It was an inglorious end to a season replete with misfortunes and "might-have-beens." The team that lost so hopelessly Tuesday seemed hardly the same as the one that played the Maroon Five 31-29 a month ago. Much was probably due to the floor being too small for dribbling, and to the fact that it placed a premium on long shots. Yet that does not wholly explain, for Colgate's team was not as good as the one that played here, for Capt. Coster was absent owing to a nose-fracture sustained last week.

Of the individual men, Roenke, '09, was easily the best. His last four games have been highly creditable—his goal shooting from fouls being extremely exceptional. Tho he had never performed this function up to the time of the Eastern trip, he proved at Tufts and Union that he had great ability in that phase. In the Colgate game he shot five consecutive baskets out of a possible six. In addition to this, he scored three field baskets, one from the centre of the floor. Sherwin's basket at the close of the first half was even more difficult.

The game started in Colgate's favor, the home team scoring three baskets before our team got into motion. Never was their lead in danger. Green and Shepardson scored almost at will, and the comparatively few baskets that we made were inconsistent. Hamilton's passing was as ragged as Colgate's guarding was effective. The first half ended 33-11, five of the latter number being made by Roenke on fouls.

The second half was just as hopeless. Campbell and Shradick were substituted by Colgate, and Regin went in for Hamilton. Still Colgate continued to score about two baskets to our one. Sherwin and Campbell were dismissed from the floor for "unnecessary roughness," of which offense neither of the culprits was aware. Regin took centre position, and Hopkins went in at guard. Both teams seemed to loaf as the game

ended—53-21 in favor of Colgate.

The line-up:

HAMILTON 21.	COLGATE 53.
Right Forward	
Allen, Regin	Green, Campbell
Left Forward	
Roenke	Schradick, Shepherdson
Centre	
Sherwin	Loeber
Right Guard	
Getman	Collins
Left Guard	
Conklin	Whelan

Goals, Roenke 3, Sherwin 3, Getman 1, Conklin 1, Green 4, Schradick 5, Shepherdson 5, Loeber 5, Collins 2, Whelan 3, Campbell 1. Fouls, Roenke 5, Collins 3. Referee, Crawshaw, Syracuse Y. M. C. A. Timekeeper, Howe, Colgate. Scorer, Hall.

HAMILTON WINS

The Varsity last Friday evening overwhelmingly defeated Hobart in Basketball. The score was 62 to 21. The game, as the score would indicate, was Hamilton's from start to finish. The Buff and Blue started scoring almost as soon as the ball was put into play, and kept it up thruout the game. Perhaps this confidence was the cause of the one fault of the game—namely, the consistent manner in which the team loafed during the later part of the contest. With the game won, they rested on their laurels instead of piling up a big score to help balance the many defeats of the season.

For the first part of the game the score was rather close, Hamilton leading by a narrow margin; but as the contest progressed the Varsity steadily forged ahead, until at the end of the half Hamilton had 31 points to Hobart's 5. The Geneva men did not seem to be able to break up the Varsity's passing. Time after time Allen dribbled the ball from one end of the floor to the other.

The second half was interesting, to say the least. For the first few minutes of play the team amused themselves with some passing, without scoring a basket. It was at this point that, had they played the best basketball that was in them, a large score could have been secured. True, 30 points were gained, but there was opportunity for many more. Hobart was unable to accomplish anything. Even after McConnell, their centre, was replaced by Capt. Wood—Hobart's best jumper—their team work did not improve any. Hobart added only nine points to her credit during the entire half.

Sherwin played the star game for Hamilton. Not only did he out-jump his opponent on the tip-off, and thus make the signal plays possible, but he shot twelve baskets to McConnell's two. Allen played his usual clever floor game, but seemed to have lost his eye for the basket. Time and again he had chances to score, but seemed unable to do so. Notwithstanding this fact, however, Allen shot five baskets to his opponent's single score. Getman and Conklin played good games at guard. The latter scored more baskets, but it was Getman who prevented many points being added to Hobart's score by his close guarding on the back count. For Hobart, Capt. Wood was the best man on their team. Altho able to score only two baskets, his passing and dribbling was the mainstay for the visitors.

The line-up:

HAMILTON 62.	HOBART 21.
Right Forward	
Allen	Barrymore
Left Forward	
Roenke, Capt.	Wood, Capt., Prophet
Centre	
Sherwin	McConnell
Right Guard	
Conklin	Hancock
Left Guard	
Getman	Olmstead

Goals from floor, Barrymore 3, Wood 1, McConnell 2, Olmstead 1, Allen 5, Roenke 5, Sherwin 12, Getman 2, Conklin 6. Referee, Sicard, Hamilton '06. Umpire, Bremer, Hobart, '07. Timekeeper, Kazenstein, Hamilton, '09. Scorer, Cross, Hamilton, '10. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETS

The Advisory Board met last Monday evening. Dr. Miller presided. One hundred and ninety dollars was appropriated for the engagement of Mr. I. K. Baxter, of Utica, as Track Coach during the coming season. Sanction was conferred on the Basketball Management to hold a Gym. Show in the Gymnasium on March 12, the proceeds therefrom to go to the defrayal of electric lighting expense.

Basketball "H's" were awarded on the recommendation of Capt. Roenke, '09, to: Roenke, Conklin, '09, Sherwin, '10, Getman and Allen, '11, and Regin, '12. A committee consisting of Prof. Sicard, Sherwin, Judson and Glover, was appointed to consider the advisability of having a uniform "H" for all departments, and, if necessary, to propose amendments to the constitution accordingly.

Manager Renwick told of the special arrangements for the Interscholastic Day to be held on the 15th of May. Sanction was given to enter a relay team against Colgate and Syracuse Universities at Syracuse, March 15th; also to enter six men besides the relay team in the Rochester Meet on March 13th, and such entries were given permission to represent the College officially. The schedule for next term was reported and approved. There will be two meets, one at Utica, on May 22nd, under the auspices of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., and the other a triangular meet at Schenectady on May 29th, between Trinity, Union and Hamilton.

CROSS, '10, EDITOR

At a meeting of the LIFE Board, held Wednesday, Cross, '10, of Johnstown, N. Y., was elected Editor-in-Chief for the coming year. As a member of the staff for nearly three years, he has worked consistently and reliably. His activity in the Press Club has also been of value. Cross assumes his position with the next issue of LIFE.

N. Y. S. I. A. U.

A meeting of the College Body was held Wednesday, after noon Chapel, to consider the application of St. Lawrence University for admission to N. Y. S. I. A. U. It was decided to instruct the delegate from Hamilton to vote in favor of allowing St. Lawrence to participate in the track meet, but not for their entrance into the Union. Renwick will be the representative of Hamilton at the meeting of the Union, to be held in Utica today.

—The Albany High School fellows now in College have given a Campus picture to their school.

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THE BASKETBALL SEASON OF 1909 has ended. The season was a failure. Enthusiasm was absent; apathy seemed to infect both rooters and team. All this in spite of an outlook that was the brightest in three years—for the loss of two Varsity men marred the season from the start. Has it struck you that their inability to play was due to too much athletics?

The Basketball season is only one example of our dismal fiascos of recent years. Take the Football season, or any other season. Look at the leading athletes in College today. Of course, they are men admirably willing—but under two consecutive terms of Varsity playing, their athletic effectiveness cannot help but be seriously decreased. Perhaps they want to play, but are physically less able. More likely they are tired of playing, and hence do so perfunctorily. In either case their efficiency is dissipated in proportion to the area of effort. Surely, then, from the Varsity's view-point, our success is impaired—not to mention the injustice we commit when we—the idle critics—force these men to play term after term, whether they are willing, able, or neither.

What we mean, is this: During the past three years, seasons upon seasons have been failures, the consistency of which has proved beyond doubt that *something* is the matter—*inherently*. We are as convinced of that as we are of this: that the crux of the trouble lies in the fact that we have to much athletics for too few athletes. That is the core of our disease. The remedy? The remedy is either more athletes or less athletics. Therefore it *must* be less athletics. How? By abolishing Intercollegiate Basketball, and relegating Track to minor importance, making Football and Baseball *the* major departments of our athletics.

Of course, each branch has its particular coterie of enthusiasts—otherwise we would not have this problem on our hands now, for Hamilton has long felt convinced that something must go. Basketball is suggested for abolition for these reasons: Basketball being the middle-term sport, a basketball man cannot play on two Varsity teams without playing two terms in succession, which, we hold, is detrimental to the teams' success, and unjust to the individual. Basketball is an indoor sport, and therefore not as hygenically desirable as Football and Baseball. The fact of financial handicap, etc, may also be urged against Basketball. Yet, even if these objections were totally specious, still we would advocate Intercollegiate Basketball's abolition, if for no other reason, for this: that with no Intercollegiate Basketball, the College would enjoy and benefit from Winter Term more than now. "Joblot" Basketball, Interclass, Interfraternity, and all sorts of good, wholesome, business-devoid sport, would run riot. The skating rink would probably be realized, and exercise would take the place of rooting. The Musical Clubs would not be handicapped in their progress toward the first ranks among the colleges. The Relay Team and Baseball Team could practice without confliction. That last straw would be removed from the student body's back. Give the men one term free from the care of College obligations, but filled with the joy of unfevered sport, and that "Hamilton Spirit" will once more be unconquerable and that "morally yellow" will be transformed into true blue. And while we are at the distasteful task, let us venture further. Let us seek to modify Track, making it an all-year sport, never major and always minor. For, a Relay Team is the most possible Varsity here on the Hill, and this, with a few specialists in other events, could win many laurels for us in the many meets thruout the year.

It is hard to accept the premise that something must go. But, we beg you, consider the past and have care for the future. To break tradition is no easier than to overcome the prejudice that custom creates. Still, we are at a crisis, and action must be taken. Whether the issue is too much athletics or too much apathy, the trouble is there, and we must remedy it. Abolish Basketball, we say, and we have, as a prophecy of benefits, the experience of Amherst. Amherst abolished it two years ago—and they have *more* athletes than we have! "Men will not come here if we don't have the usual athletics."? Will victories in two sports attract them less than defeats in four? Think it over—the possibility of greater athletic success, of more enjoyment, of better health, of less expense. Try to find any justice in compelling a man to play on Varsity teams for three terms in succession.

The trouble is obvious. Select the remedy—and then ACT!

SOPHS. BEAT COLGATE '11.

The Hamilton Sophomores Thursday night defeated Colgate 1911 at Basketball in the Soper. Gym. by a score of 36-21. At the end of the first half the score was 24-9 in Hamilton's favor.

The line-up:

HAMILTON, 1911.		COLGATE, 1911.
	Right Forward	
Flagler		Stokes, Capt.
	Left Forward	
Day, Manion		Baker
	Centre	
Allen		Mattison
	Right Guard	
Sidle		Docktader
	Left Guard	
Getman, Capt.		Flaherty, Webb

Referee, Roenke, Hamilton. Timer, C. H. Hall, Hamilton. Field goals, Stokes 6, Getman 5, Allen 4, Sidle 3, Flagler 2, Day 2, Baker, Dockstader, Flaherty, Webb. Goals from foul, Allen 4, Stokes 1. Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes.

TRACK ACTIVITIES

A large squad of track men is working daily in the Gym. in preparation for the Rochester Games, March 13th. As only six men besides the relay team will be entered, competition

is keen. Spencer, '09, Colson, '11, and Wenigmann, '12, are practising the sprints and hurdles. McLean, '09, Knox, '10, and Gaige, '11, are training for the half, and Abbott and Renwick, '10, Ottaway, Bates and Du Bordieu, '12, for the mile. For the weight events, Baldwin, '10, Drummond and Wenigmann, '12, are working with the shot, which has been made full 16 pounds. Sherwin, '10, and Bagg, '12, in the high jump, and Leavenworth, '09, in the pole-vault, are trying for the field events. As several college records have been almost equalled in practice, it is probable that many will be shattered in the actual contest.

STONE, '99, LECTURES

Last Friday evening, Ralph W. Stone, '99, gave an interesting illustrated lecture in the College Chapel. His subject was "Alaska." Mr. Stone has been connected with the United States Geological Survey since leaving College, and in that capacity has made several extended visits to Alaska. For this reason he was eminently fitted to speak on this vast and generally unknown land. Mr. Stone took his audience on a trip thru this land, which seemed even more realistic on account of the good views which were thrown on the screen. Many of these were taken by Mr. Stone himself during his Alaskan trips. The lecture proved both interesting and instructive to all who heard it. The college body would appreciate a repetition of such a valuable opportunity to acquire some knowledge of the unknown parts of our own country.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK

Now that the Basketball season has closed, preparations for Baseball will receive more attention. Mantell has been engaged to coach the team. He is now in Cuba, but will report soon after spring vacation.

Battery candidates are out daily, and the rest of the squad will report twice a week in the Gym. Some batting practice is being done, and an apparatus has been devised on which the men will be taught to slide the bases.

The battery candidates are: For catcher—Barber, Hastings, Sarles, and Capt. Judson, '10; for pitcher—Baldwin, '10, Allen and Manion, '11, Alvord, Bagg, Donaldson, Drummond and Hallock, '12.

PRYOR SIGNED

Coach Pryor has been definitely engaged for next season. He will receive eight hundred dollars, but no expenses.

The following additional alumni subscriptions have been received:

J. W. Van Allen, '02.
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NOTES

—The Interclass Meet will be held on May 13th.

—The Senior Executive Committee is to be chosen this week.

—The Sophomore Basketball Team will play at Oneonta today.

—Senior tax for the 1909 Hamiltonian amounts to $3.00 per man.

—Rifenbark, '09, conducted the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday. The subject was "Other Gods".

—All stories, Senior honor lists and Junior individual pictures must be handed in by March 10th.

—Tonight the Junior Class will banquet at the Butterfield. Stone is chairman of the committee.

—Prof. Fitch will sail for Europe at the end of this term. He will visit Italy, Switzerland and Greece.

—John D. Babcock, '98, has been appointed Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas, Texas.

—G. Floyd King has presented the College with a large Hamilton Banner. It will hang in the Trophy Room.

—Baird, Bates, De Bordieu, Mangan and Pratt, '12, are candidates for the assistant-managership of Baseball.

—Renwick, '10, was in Rochester last Saturday, completing arrangements for the Rochester games, March 13th.

—Engs, '10, returned this week after a trip West, where he attended the Chi Psi Convention at Madison, Wisconsin.

—At a meeting Wednesday night, the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet discussed a revision of the membership clause of the constitution.

—The Elmira Alumni intend to purchase one of the large pictures of the Campus for the Elmira Free Academy.

—Manager Krumbholz announces that the schedule for the Musical Club's Easter Trip will be made public next Wednesday.

—The Management of the Musical Club announces that the New Hartford Concert is postponed indefinitely on account of smallpox.

—Coach Baxter is expected on the Hill today. He will remain at the College for several days in preparation for the Rochester meet.

—The Relay Team, the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Life and *Lit.* Boards, had their respective pictures taken during the past week for the Hamiltonian.

—A Colgate alumnus has offered a prize of $100 to the athlete making his letter in three sports, and also standing highest in scholarship among the athletes.

—On Wednesday, March 10th, the Annual Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held, at which the reports will be given and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

—Tennis practice will be begun soon on an indoor court to be improvised in the Gym. Michigan intends to send a Tennis Team East this spring, and we may be included in its schedule.

—Alumni who have been on the Hill are: Jessup, '64, Butler, '98, D. Wells, '99, Jones, '03, Stone, '99, Dowling, '04, Jorden, Sherman, '05, Holmes, '08, and Aron, ex-'09.

—Thursday morning, Inauguration Day, the College, at Chapel exercises, gave a yell for William Howard Taft, President of the United States, and a yell for James Schoolcraft Sherman, '78, Vice-President.

—The New York State Museum has recently published a pamphlet by Professor Miller on the "Geology of the Remsen Quadrangle." The material for this work was collected by Professor Miller while on the State Survey this summer.

MOTE AND BEAM, III.

Editorial ruminations and Basketball reports compelled the Editor last week to hide Spotlight under a bushel of Locals, but Spotlight is glad to observe that his feeble glimmerings in the direction of the North-West meadow have directed some little attention thither. Henceforth Spotlight hopes to shine before men in a column better suited to his purposes; in fact, the student-body will be given the "double-cross" most cavalierly, what with J. Miller's promotion to the helm of Life, and Spotlight's ubiquitous X-ray activities. So mote it beam —to trifle with the juristic phraseology expounded by Prof. Hawkins.

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Uncertainty means bliss, they say;
E'en thus should Spotlight banish sorrow—
If Spot lights up our books today,
What spot may he light up tomorrow?

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The other morning Spotlight had occasion to stream gloriously thru the windows of the Library—a very arduous bit of acrobatics, for seemingly they had not been washed since the building was built, and then those borders of stained-glass patchwork are always trying. Spotlight was seeking *Vanity Fair,* and found it entirely minus, with but five or six battered Thackerays of an archaic edition to represent the greatest English novelist. Nearby was Charlotte Brontè in a like ragged commando—but the window-niches held a new, beautiful and costly quarto translation of Montaigne (apparently never opened) and a quarto Chaucer, limited, in vellum—books a bibliomaniac might die for but which a College man can obviously live without. And this set Spotlight thinking—hard. He sought the Art-shelves, and discovered them thrust away up the tortuous stairs, with their treasures uncataloged. He found, also, on general inspection, that careless users had misplaced volume after volume on the shelves, and that two different decimal systems of cataloging are apparently striving for the mastery, with what seemed to be traces of a *third* system among the older files. Seeking enlightenment, Spotlight fell upon the beaming Mr. Babcock, to learn, *primo,* that the Library has no endowment, and *secundo,* that the books are always transient, with forgotten prodigal tomes brought in every week by their careless abductors, which prevents any reorganization of the cataloging. This seemed to have no real bearing on the curious choice of new purchases (for the Montagne and Chaucer were *not* presented) and Spotlight prayerfully suggests that were all books called in and the Library closed for a fortnight of next Summer Vacation, two or three industrious workers could catalog the entire stock by the new (Dewey) decimal system—a sorely-needed operation—and that a vigorous effort might be made to impress upon our youthful minds the necessity of returning the books to their proper places.

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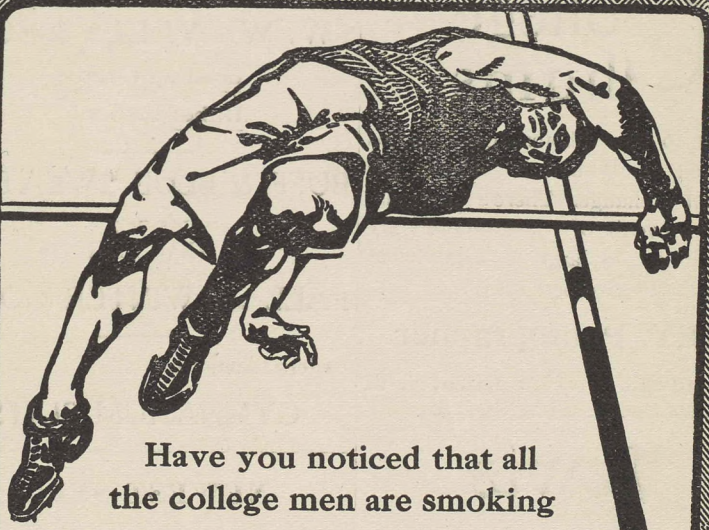

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